

State Water Resources Control Board

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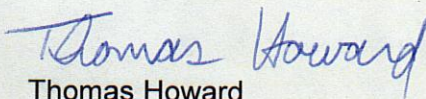
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Thank you for your January 24, 2012 letter urging the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to initiate the next phase of its review of the 2006 Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan). As you are by now aware, yesterday the State Water Board released a Supplemental Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Notice of Scoping Meeting for the comprehensive review of elements of the Bay-Delta Plan, other than those currently under review relating to southern Delta salinity and San Joaquin River flows.

In response to concerns expressed by some stakeholders interested in Delta planning processes late last week, I prepared the attached letter to provide context and further explanation regarding the scope and timing of the State Water Board's current planning efforts. In addition, the State Water Board will hear an informational item at its February 21, 2012 regular meeting to receive public comments on its overall schedule of Bay-Delta Plan actions and the relationship of these actions to the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP).

Please contact me at (916) 341-5615, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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